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Applicant(s): DAVID McCRAY PEELE  
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Attached hereto for filing are the following papers:

FEE TRANSMITTAL  
REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME (3 MONTHS)  
AMENDMENT

Our check in the amount of \$ 950.00 is attached covering any required fees. In the event any variance exists between the amount enclosed and the Patent Office charges for filing the above-noted documents, including any fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for any necessary extension of time to make the filing of the attached documents timely, please charge or credit the difference to Deposit Account No. 50-1442. Further, if these papers are not considered timely filed, then a request is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for the necessary extension of time. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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## FEE TRANSMITTAL

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| <b>FEE TRANSMITTAL</b>         |  | Docket No.      | 3843-002-27 CONT   |               |
|                                |  | Serial No.      | 09/735,177         |               |
|                                |  | Filing Date     | DECEMBER 12, 2000  |               |
|                                |  | Inventor(s)     | DAVID McCRAY PEELE |               |
|                                |  | Group Art Unit  | 1731               |               |
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|--|---------------------------|--------------|----------|--|---------------|------|------|------------------------------------|----------|---------------------|------------------------|--|-------------------------------|
| 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity status.<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Charge any <b>UNDERPAYMENT</b> or credit any <b>OVERPAYMENT</b> in the indicated fees to Deposit Account No. 50-1442.<br><input type="checkbox"/> Charge the indicated fees to Deposit Account No. 50-1442. |                           |              |          |  |               |      |      | <b>FEE CALCULATION (continued)</b> |          |                     |                        |  |                               |
|  |                           |              |          |  |               |      |      | <b>3. ADDITIONAL FEES</b>          |          |                     |                        |  |                               |
|  |                           |              |          |  |               |      |      | <b>Large Entity</b>                |          | <b>Small Entity</b> | <b>Fee Description</b> |  |                               |
| 2. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Check enclosed.   |                           |              |          |  |               |      |      | Fee Code                           | Fee (\$) | Fee Code            | Fee (\$)               | Fee Paid   |                               |
| <b>FEE CALCULATION</b>   |                           |              |          |  |               |      |      | 1051                               | 130      | 2051                | 65                     | Surcharge-late filing fee or oath                    |                               |
| <b>1. BASIC FILING FEE</b>   |                           |              |          |  |               |      |      | 1052                               | 50       | 2052                | 25                     | Surcharge-late provisional filing fee or cover sheet |                               |
| Large Entity   |                           | Small Entity |          | Fee Description  |               |      |      | 1053                               | 130      | 1053                | 130                    | Non-English Specification                            |                               |
| Fee Code   | Fee (\$)                  | Fee Code     | Fee (\$) |  |               |      |      | Fee Paid                           |          |                     |                        | 1-mo. ext. of time                                   |                               |
| 1001   | 770                       | 2001         | 385      | Utility filing fee                                       |               |      |      | 1251                               | 110      | 2251                | 55                     | 2-mo. ext. of time                                   |                               |
| 1002   | 340                       | 2002         | 170      | Design filing fee  |               |      |      | 1252                               | 420      | 2252                | 210                    | 3-mo. ext. of time                                   |                               |
| 1003   | 520                       | 2003         | 260      | Plant filing fee   |               |      |      | 1253                               | 950      | 2253                | 475                    | 4-mo. ext. of time                                   |                               |
| 1004   | 770                       | 2004         | 385      | Reissue filing fee                                       |               |      |      | 1254                               | 1480     | 2254                | 740                    | 5-mo. ext. of time                                   |                               |
| 1005   | 160                       | 2005         | 80       | Provisional filing fee                                   |               |      |      | 1255                               | 2010     | 2255                | 1005                   | Notice of Appeal                                     |                               |
| <b>SUBTOTAL (1)</b>  |                           |              |          |  | <b>\$0.00</b> | 1402 | 330  | 2402                               | 165      | Appeal Brief        |                        |  |                               |
| <b>2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES</b>   |                           |              |          |  |               |      |      | 1403                               | 290      | 2403                | 145                    | Request for Oral Hearing                             |                               |
| tot. claims  |                           | -            | 20*      | =  | 0             | x    | \$18 | =                                  | 0        | 1501                | 1330                   | 2501   | 665 Utility/Reissue Issue Fee |
| ind. claims  |                           | -            | 3*       | =  | 0             | x    | \$86 | =                                  | 0        | 1502                | 480                    | 2502   | 240 Design Issue Fee          |
| <input type="checkbox"/>   | Multiple Dependent Claims |              |          |  | \$290         | =    |      | 1504                               | 300      | 1504                | 300                    | Publication Fee                                      |                               |
| Large Entity   |                           | Small Entity |          | Fee Description  |               |      |      | 8001                               | 3        | 8001                | 3                      | Advance Copy of Patent                               |                               |
| Fee Code   | Fee (\$)                  | Fee Code     | Fee (\$) |  |               |      |      | 1460                               | 130      | 1460                | 130                    | Petitions to the Commissioner                        |                               |
| 1202   | 18                        | 2202         | 9        | Claims in excess of 20                                   |               |      |      | 1806                               | 180      | 1806                | 180                    | IDS Submission                                       |                               |
| 1201   | 86                        | 2201         | 43       | Independent claims in excess of 3                        |               |      |      | 8021                               | 40       | 8021                | 40                     | Assignment recordation                               |                               |
| 1203   | 290                       | 2203         | 145      | Multiple dependent claim, if not paid                    |               |      |      | 1801                               | 770      | 2801                | 385                    | For Filing RCE                                       |                               |
| 1204   | 84                        | 2204         | 43       | *Reissue independent claims over original patent         |               |      |      | 1814                               | 110      | 2814                | 55                     | Terminal Disclaimer                                  |                               |
| 1205   | 18                        | 2205         | 9        | *Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent |               |      |      | OTHER (indicate below):            |          |                     |                        |  |                               |
| <b>SUBTOTAL (2)</b>  |                           |              |          |  | <b>\$0.00</b> |      |      |                                    |          |                     |                        |  |                               |
| * or number previously paid, if greater; For Reissues, see above   |                           |              |          |  |               |      |      | <b>SUBTOTAL (3)</b>                |          |                     |                        |  |                               |
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